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## Reds Tighten Hold Around Novorossisk

### Capture Another Town And Wipe Out 450 Nazis Attacking Donets Line

### ALSO TAKE CROSSING Little Change Reported On Front Between Lenin-grad, Caucasus

LONDON, Sunday, April 4.—(AP)—The Red army captured another town in the Caucasus to tighten its semi-circle around the Nazi bridgehead at Novorossisk, wiped out 450 Germans attacking the Donets river line and also seized a crossing over that river, Moscow announced early today.

## Two Jap Cruisers Sunk By Planes Off New Ireland

### ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN LIA, Sunday, April 4.—(AP)—Two Japanese cruisers have been sunk at Kavieng, New Ireland, by allied planes, the high command announced today.

A large destroyer also was sunk and two others were hit and badly damaged. This aerial triumph followed quickly yesterday's announcement that reconnaissance planes had spotted numerous ships in Kavieng sector, 550 miles northeast of the allied base of Port Moresby, New Guinea, after which bombers scored hits on a 10,000 ton and a 6,000 ton enemy ship.

## Press Given Major Role In New War Loan Drive

### STARTS APRIL 12 Goal Of Biggest Financing Operation In History Set At 13 Billions

WASHINGTON, April 3.—(AP)—The nation's newspapers are coming to you for \$13,000,000,000 more for Uncle Sam. It's the second war loan drive, due to begin Monday, April 12. Newspapers have been assigned a leading part in conducting it.

## Axis Asserts Europe Secure From Invasion

### Germans Say Balkans Strengthened Against Possible Attack

### FORTS ESTABLISHED Dutch Coast Termed Particularly Propitious For Landing Operations

LONDON, April 3.—(AP)—The axis took a blustering attitude toward the increased threats of an allied invasion of Nazi-held Europe today, claiming adequate steps had been taken to protect the continent from attack.

# AMERICAN INFANTRY DRIVES AGAINST ROMMEL'S INLAND FLANK EAST OF EL GUETAR

## DOWN WARPLANES

### Americans Get Eight More Nazi Craft To Boost Their Total To 63

## TRY NIGHT BOMBING

### Rommel Believed Putting Out Hopeless Damaged Tanks As Decoys

AN ADVANCED U. S. AIR BASE IN SOUTHERN TUNISIA, April 2.—(Delayed)—(AP)—American piloted Spitfires, in their most recent engagements with the axis, have brought down eight enemy aircraft—six were shot down in one flaming action—thus bringing to 63 the number of Nazi planes destroyed since March 21 by United States fighter pilots at advanced bases in southern Tunisia.

Five Junkers 88 bombers and one Messerschmitt 109 were blasted in blistering battle when two Spitfire squadrons sailed into a German bomber and escort formation trying to attack American ground positions. One bunch of Spits engaged the escorting Messerschmitts at the upper level while the others dived for brief, happy hunting among the Junkers.

Units headed by Lieut. Col. Graham W. West, 26, of Portland, Ore., bagged five bombers. Victories were scored by Lieut. Donald Markley, 22, of Inglewood, Calif., Sylvan Field, 21, of Lynn, Mass., and John D. Harvey, 21, of Modesto, Ill. The other two JU-88's were shared. Capt. George V. Williams, 23, of Chicago and Capt. Norman L. McDonald, Jr., of Framingham, Mass., got one, and Lieut. Burt S. Sanborn, 21, of Uxbridge, Mass., and Staff Sgt. Jimmy Butler, 21, of Grass Valley, Calif., the other.

Pressing home the attack with McDonald, Williams got so close he collided with the Nazi ship, cutting off its tail. His own ship was badly damaged, but made a good crash landing, and he was unhurt.

## FOUR WILL FACE LOTTERY CHARGES

### Arrested During Raids On Sunset Park Apartment By Sheriff, Deputies

The cases of Abe Fine, Merry Bryant Fine, George Smith and Florence Smith, charged with violation of the lottery laws and conspiracy to violate the statute, were continued at the request of the defendants' attorney until Friday, April 9, in Recorder's court yesterday.

## NOTICE

The Star-News Circulation Department is open Sundays from 7 to 10 a. m. If you fail to receive your paper, phone 2-3311 before 10 and one will be sent to you by special messenger. After 10 o'clock, the department is closed.

## Grim Variation On An Annual Theme



Symbolized by a member of the Capitol guard, war-obtured, stands in front of an annual scene of beauty—the Capitol framed by Spring's first cherry blossoms.

## Drafting Of Older Men In Non-Vital Jobs Seen

### DEADLINE IS SET Veterans' Hospital Will Be Renovated

### Must Leave List Of "Non-Deferrable" Jobs Or Face Army By May 1

WASHINGTON, April 3.—(AP)—Major General Lewis B. Hershey, Selective Service director, announced tonight that beginning May 1 men in the 38-45 year old group must leave the list of "non-deferrable" occupations or face the possibility of induction.

## Switch To 48-Hour Week Here Is Not Automatic

REGIONAL Manpower director in Washington, Mrs. Clinton said. The two North Carolina towns were on a new list of labor shortage areas recently issued, which included several cities in addition to the original 32 labor shortage areas, Mrs. Clinton added.

## BLOCK JUNCTION

### U. S. Forces Seeking To Join British Eighth Army On Gabes Gulf

## TANKS MAKE DASH

### Nazis Convert Mines Into One Of Their Best Defense Weapons

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA, April 3.—(AP)—Grim waves of American infantry beat today against the rugged and heavily-mined axis defenses protecting Marshal Rommel's inland flank which lay wedged between the United States Army corps to the west and the British Eighth army on the Gulf of Gabes.

On the steep slopes of the barren brown hills east of El Guetar, Lieut.-Gen. George S. Patton, Jr., renewed his attacks to clean the enemy out of positions now blocking the expected junction of the Americans with the British.

The Americans, who learned the art of war the hard way against the most skilled opposition, made a sudden bid for a breakthrough early yesterday when a tank column traversed a narrow track across an enemy mine field along a road leading toward the coast.

## BANKHEAD BILL DRIVE STARTED

### Farm Bloc Leaders Redouble Efforts To Override F.D.R.'s Veto

WASHINGTON, April 3.—(AP)—Congressional farm bloc leaders redoubled efforts tonight to line up the two-third vote necessary to override President Roosevelt's veto of the Bankhead benefit payments bill, expressing fear that if the measure died the controversial Pacc labor-cost legislation will be buried with it.

Chairman Smith (D-SC) of the Senate Agriculture committee said he had no doubt the fate of the Pacc bill, passed by the house and now before his committee for hearings, depends on senate and house action on the Bankhead veto.

## BRITISH CONTINUE RAIDS ON FRANCE

### RAF Scores Daylight Sweeps On Abbeville Field, Brest Docks

LONDON, April 3.—(AP)—Heavy explosions and anti-aircraft fire heard across the English channel tonight indicated that the RAF was keeping up a 24-hour attack on German-occupied France following daylight sweeps in which bombs were dumped on a Nazi airfield at Abbeville and the docks at the harbor of Brest.

Spitfires escorting the bombers in the Abbeville attack shot down five German fighters with the loss of only one of their own, the air ministry announced. A communication said one of the Mosquitos also was missing from the rail line raids.

## WEATHER

FORECAST North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia: Slightly warmer Sunday. (EASTERN STANDARD TIME) (By U. S. Weather Bureau) Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m. yesterday.

## RED CROSS DRIVE REACHES \$58,013

### Wilmington Chapter Surpasses War Fund Goal By Over \$23,000

A total of \$58,013.55 has been collected for the Red Cross War Fund here, more than \$23,000 above the goal set for the Wilmington chapter, Mrs. Ida B. Speiden, executive director, reported Saturday.

## 42 Nations Invited To Food Conference

WASHINGTON, April 3.—(AP)—Four additional countries—Egypt, Iran, Iceland and Liberia—have been invited to send representatives to the international conference on post-war food problems April 27.

## TWO-HOUR METERS TO BE INSTALLED

### Will Be Placed On Chestnut Street Between Second and Third

Two-hour parking meters will be installed on Chestnut street, between Second and Third streets on Monday, replacing the present hour meters, City Manager A. C. Nichols announced Saturday.

## SEVERAL INJURED IN DURHAM RIOT

### Tear Gas Used To Control General Fight In City's Negro Section

DURHAM, April 3.—(AP)—Two Durham policemen, a bus driver and an undetermined number of Negroes were wounded early tonight in an hour-long general fight in a Negro section which was finally controlled after tear gas was used and a heavily armed detachment of military police arrived from nearby Camp Butler.

## N. C. Shipyard Delivers Ten Liberty Vessels To Set New Record In March

The North Carolina Shipbuilding company established a new yard production record in March as it delivered ten Liberty ships to the United States Maritime commission, one more than its previous high number marked up last December.

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